

September 3, 2021

Rebecca Peterson, Chairperson  
DHS Council on Human Services

Dear Rebecca

The Department's budget request for state fiscal year 2023 (SFY23) is submitted for consideration by the Council on Human Services as status quo with the following exceptions: 1) children's health programs, and 2) Mental Health and Disability Services Regional funding. As in recent years, we will continue to monitor programs, services and operations and will work closely with the administration to ensure our overall budget needs are communicated.

As we have discussed in recent Council meetings, budget documents for this year are abbreviated from prior years. We are separating the Department's annual reporting requirement from the budget process. A more comprehensive review of programs will be provided later this year or early next year. Our budget discussion this year will also be abbreviated. We will focus on the executive summary documents and those programs where an additional general fund budget is requested.

Please review the enclosed documents prior to the Council meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our leadership team will be present at this meeting to respond to any questions you have.

These documents will be posted on the DHS web site and accessible to individuals and organizations interested in our work on the day of the Council meeting. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the budget. After your review and approval, the budget will be forwarded to the Governor.

Again, I look forward to meeting with you on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

  
Kelly Garcia  
Director

cc: DHS Council Members